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CAUTIOUS HOPES FOR BIG 4
Council Ready To Get Down To Brass Tacks

Molotov Proposal
Big Step Forward

London, Nov. 27.
Soviet Russia's long-delayed agreement with the West to speed up negotiations on the peace treaty with Germany created a wave of cautious optimism today in the Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers.

Those most sceptical of Russia's motive had to admit that Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov's public commitment to consider the negotiations of the German treaty "urgent" was a long step forward.

But even those most inclined to give Russia the benefit of any doubt realise there is a long hard road between agreement to mark German treaty negotiations and settlement of details. Argument on the latter starts today.

M. Molotov's statement yesterday constituted, however, a brand new policy for Russia toward Germany.

The last change of policy came in July 1946 when M. Molotov stunned the Council at Paris by abandoning the "keep Germany weak" policy and threw all his support behind an economically revived Germany with a strong central Government.

The Council, after two days of procedural wrangling which ended quickly in agreement on a compromise agenda, really will get down to brass tacks today. There will be no formal recognition of the American Thanksgiving Day.

The Council itself will meet as usual in the afternoon and begin discussion of the first German agenda item—"preparation of the German peace treaty including frontiers and procedure."

The four powers are far apart on both Germany's future frontiers and procedure for the peace conference.

No Mud-Slinging

The flurry created by the sharp exchanges of the meeting yesterday was in general forgotten today.

The Western Ministers indicated by yesterday's example that they do not intend this time to stoop to a mud-slinging contest.

Mr. Marshall, Mr. Bevin and M. Molotov deplored M. Molotov's charges against the West, especially the "United States," but Mr. Marshall rested content with merely stating that such allegations were of course, "in the mind" which he was positive M. Molotov himself did not believe.—United Press.

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FRESH RIOTING
IN ITALY

Rome, Nov. 27.
Several scores of workers today seized and burned copies of all except extreme Leftist newspapers in the southern "Red slum" Roman suburbs of Prenestine, San Giovanni and Pigneto.

The marauders attacked dozens of newsstands simultaneously at dawn without police interference.

New sporadic violence elsewhere in Italy was dominated by two hand grenade explosions during a demonstration of 2,000 workers at Agrigento in Sicily.—United Press.

Death Toll At Chinese
Elections Is Rising

Shanghai, Nov. 27.
About 20 people were killed and injured in last weekend's polling for the National Assembly throughout China, according to Chinese press reports received here.

This includes two in Pootung, the peninsula across the Whangpoo River from Shanghai and 10 at Kuhsiang, a small district near the Hunan capital of Changsha.

All the casualties occurred in fighting at polling booths. In Nanking both Young China and Government spokesmen said they had no confirmation of a report published in the Young China newspaper "Chung Hwa Shih Pao" that five Young China Party members were killed and hundreds arrested in Szechwan Province election clashes.

The spokesman of the minority party said it was possible that

such disorders occurred but blamed it on individual disputes rather than conflict between the two parties.

The Government spokesman confirmed that Kuomintang Minister of Organisation Chen Li-tu had ordered an investigation into the clashes.

It is semi-officially claimed that approximately one-half of the estimated 200,000,000 qualified voters went to the polls.

First definite results came from Tientsin, where Kuomintang candidates were elected.

Meanwhile, it is learned that the deadlock over the nominations for the Legislative Yuan elections last month has been broken and all three parties—the Kuomintang, the Young China Party and the Democratic Socialists—will announce their lists of candidates at the end of the month.

Nanking press reports said that the Government will declare a general amnesty next January in token celebration of the creation of the first constitutional Government of China.

The amnesty order will affect criminals convicted of charges of treason—Reuters and Associated Press.

Her Two Husbands
Were Too Jealous

Shanghai, Nov. 27.
A 28-year-old woman appealed to the District Court today, complaining that both her husbands are insanely jealous of each other and beat her up.

She requested legal action for the relief of her sufferings.

Miss Chen Hsiao-feng in her petition claimed she married Chang Su-ying, a peasant, in 1943 but at the same time was forced to marry Chang's brother, Tung Ying, when the latter's wife died.

She said each of her husbands mistreated her whenever she stayed with the other.

Bigamy is illegal in China.—United Press.

Labour Wins
At Gravesend

London, Nov. 27.
The Labour Government increased its unbroken string of victories in by-elections for Labour seats in Parliament to 21 in little more than two years today with the election of Sir Richard Acland in the crucial Gravesend contest.

Sir Richard's 1,676 vote victory over Frank Taylor (Cons.) upset earlier political forecasts and gave the Labour Government new hope.

It will probably force the Conservatives to overhaul their campaign tactics.

Labour also appeared certain to retain its seat in today's by-election in East Edinburgh, traditional Labour stronghold, and run its victories to 22 straight.

The Conservatives similarly were confident of retaining their seat in traditionally Conservative Howdenshire (Yorkshire) in today's other by-election.

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Record Ballot

Sir Richard's election was announced by the town clerk from the floodlit balcony of the Town Hall at 4.49 a.m. GMT to 300 persons, including the candidates, who had waited in freezing temperatures for nearly five hours in the streets below.

The Labour candidates polled 24,692 votes and Taylor 23,017 in the heaviest balloting in the history of Gravesend.

Nearly 88 per cent of the 61,700 registered voters cast their ballots.

The winner hailed the results as a vote of confidence in the Labour Government.

"I won," Sir Richard said, "because Mr. and Mrs. Average Voter have realised that, although facing tough times, things would have been very much worse under a Tory Government."

"In the past two weeks the electors have seen that things are showing a definite turn for the better."

"This is emphasised by the recent figures of coal production and shows that, with faith, patience and perseverance, the Labour Government will put the country on its feet."

Taylor told newsmen: "The electors have not realised the great issues at stake. They are still misled by the claims of the other side that the Conservatives do not stand for a fair share for all."

The crowd broke up, singing "Happy Birthday" and "Open the door Richard" for Sir Richard. He was 41 on election day yesterday.

Labour has put up John Wheatley, Lord Advocate for Scotland, for the usually "safe" Labour seat of East Edinburgh in today's by-election.

Professor Fu Cho-chin, of the Ministry of the Interior, told the semi-official Nanking newspaper, Central Daily News, that the entire triangle bounded by Kungshan pass in northwestern Yunnan, Hukwang River and Patkai range should belong to China.

The area, mountainous and virtually unpopulated, lies just southeast of the far west province of Sikkim bordering on Tibet. Sikkim is traditionally

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of the area as part of China as early as 1,000 years ago.

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The region is not considered important agriculturally and industrially, but might furnish precious minerals and metals in addition to being developed as a possible water power source.

The Burma road, which ends at Kunming, runs part of its length along the Hukwang valley.—United Press.

Cheers
For Dr.
Soong

A burst of cheering from Chinese members of the public assembled opposite the entrance to Queen's Pier at lunch-time yesterday, was part of the greeting accorded to Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, when he arrived on an official two-day visit to the Colony.

Dr. Soong was met at Kai Tak airport by Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Kwok, Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Todd, the Hon. Mr. S.N. and Mrs. Chau, the Hon. Mr. T.W. and Mrs. Chau, Mr. and Mrs. K.M.A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Moss and Mr. K.Y. Leung.

Dr. Soong and a small party crossed the Harbour in the Governor's barge and the remainder followed in the A.O.C.'s launch.

At the Pier, Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham met their guests with the chiefs of Naval and Army staffs, and a large number of prominent Government servants and their wives.

Together with Sir Alexander, Dr. Soong inspected a Guard of Honour provided by men of the Buffs, before driving off in Government House.

In the afternoon, Dr. Soong met Chinese leaders in the office of Mr. T.W. Kwok, Special Commissioner for the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

Four armed robbers, galloping entrance into 236, Des Voeux Road West, ground floor, at 4.45 a.m. yesterday morning.

After herding the inmates into the cockloft, they ransacked the place and took away about \$1,000 in cash and a quantity of clothing.

He is opposed by Duncan M. Matthews (Unionist, which is the Scottish tag for Conservative), John Junor (Liberal), and Mrs. Mary C. Dott (Scottish Nationalist).

Contesting the traditionally Conservative seat of Howdenshire today are George, Edwy (Conservative), Thomas Neville (Labour) and J.E. Wilson (Liberal).

In the general election Clifford Glossop polled 21,348, Neville 11,161 and Wilson 5,669. Glossop's resignation left the seat vacant.—United Press.

Meanwhile, indirect confirmation of the equally grave situation in the Hankow area, 600 miles up the Yangtze from Shanghai, came today in the form of an official announcement that General Pai Chung-hai, Minister for National Defence, and currently Commander-in-Chief for Central China, had arrived in Hankow, "accompanied by staff officers" for a conference.

It is believed by observers here that after mapping out plans for the defence of Hankow, which is at present under martial law and curfew as a result of the three-pronged Communist threat from the east, General Pai will proceed to Kiukiang, the Yangtze port some 120 miles southwest of Hankow, to establish his Central China headquarters and prepare for the general offensive.

At present, the Company's fleet consist of two aircraft. A third is on the way from the United Kingdom having already left Poole.

Negotiations are now in progress for permission to carry mail to Shanghai and Canton.

Mr. A.W. Summers, Manager of the Company, returned yesterday after finalising the arrangements with the Chinese authorities.

The Sino-British Air Transport Agreement accorded British airlines the right of traffic in passengers and mail at four Chinese cities—Canton, Kuming, Shanghai and Tientsin—and non-traffic stops at other points.

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CHINESE REDS OPEN
PUSH ON PAOTING
Chiang Holds Talks At Peiping

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Three thousand Communists, including cavalry, launched an attack against the southwest suburb of Paoting early this morning, as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek began a conference in Peiping with Nationalist commanders on the military situation in North China.

It is not clear yet whether this is a prelude to the expected major onslaught against the Hopei provincial capital, but the fighting is reported to be growing in intensity.

Among the Nationalist leaders clustered with the Generalissimo in the long discussions in Paoting were General Fu Tso-yi, whose Suiyuanese troops are included in the reinforcements being rushed to the relief of Paoting; General Sun Lien-chung, former Commander-in-Chief; and General Li Tsiang-jen, Commander-in-Chief of all Nationalist forces in North China.

Also taking part in the talks were the Generalissimo's eldest son Major General Chiang Ching-kuo, General Hsueh Hsiang-shih, former director of the Nationalist Headquarters in Manchuria, and General Yu Shih-chih, the President's military aide all of whom form part of President Chiang's entourage on his present visit to North China.

Chiang's Appeal
President Chiang told high Government officials in Peiping to exert their utmost efforts to curb the present spiralling prices and strengthen the fences of the Peiping-Tientsin-Paoting triangle, according to dispatches reaching Nanking to night.

Though the Generalissimo's movements are being kept secret, a reliable source told Reuters that the President will make an inspection tour of Manchuria and will confer with General Chen Cheng, the Commander-in-Chief in Manchuria, and other high officials before returning to Nanking.

Chiang also said that Government propaganda must promote closer ties between the Government and the people.

In a message to the 10-day session of the National Military Propaganda Conference, which opened in Nanking today, the Generalissimo stressed the need for improved propaganda in line with his public admission recently that the Communist propaganda was much superior to the Government's.

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Shanghai, Nov. 27.
Movement of ocean shipping was greatly hampered today as a result of the sudden strike called by the Shanghai Pilots Association.

The reason for the strike is not yet known.

Membership of the Association includes many foreigners.—Reuters.

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The St. John's Island quarantine station said, in its letter to Lord Killarney, that it placed himself "under the jurisdiction of the Governor of Singapore."

He added that, to the best of his knowledge, "no member of my present entourage was implicated in that unhappy event."

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The Siberian, despite the weakening intensity is moving slowly. E. across Manchuria, and pressure gradients are shallow over China. The deep depression E. of the Ryukyu Islands, K.K.K. today's forecast—Moderate E. winds at first, veering to light southeasterly; cloudy and warmer.

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British Express
Trains Crash

ONE DEAD,
TWENTY
HURT

Farnborough, Hants, Nov. 27.
Hundreds of soldiers rushed to the rescue when two trains—the Bournemouth West to Waterloo and the Infracombe to Waterloo Express—crashed alongside the Southdown Army training camp near here last night.

Troops tore away barbed wire to get on the embankment while a transport officer at the camp ordered all lorries to be parked besides the line so that the headlamps could light up the scene.

The soldiers pulled the injured from the mass splintered woodwork, using carriage doors and other debris as stretchers.

They carried the injured to an emergency first-aid post in the camp, where ATS girls in the cookhouse made cocoa for the injured and the rescuers.

A sailor, John S. Jackson, of Archery Grove, Woolston, Southampton, was killed.

Twenty people are reported to have been injured.

The rear coaches of the Bournemouth West to Waterloo train, halted at the signal, had been run into by the Infracombe-Waterloo express. The two rear coaches were a mass of splintered wreckage.

The engine of the express laid on its side, completely blocking four sets of lines to the West of England. The driver and fireman were both slightly injured.

Last night's crash made 1947, with 88 deaths, the worst year for rail accidents since 1915. In that year, 227 people were killed in one disaster alone. The total for 1915 was 269 killed.—Reuters.

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MOTHER SUPERIOR DECORATED

In a simple ceremony on Wednesday, the French Consul, M. R. E. Jobez, bestowed the Médaille de la Reconnaissance Française on Madame R.M. Vermeersch, Mother Superior of the Order of St. Paul de Chartres at the Causeway Bay Hospital.

Mother Xavier, who is Belgian, being born at Roulers (Belgium) on Sept. 14, 1867, and has been in missionary work for more than 50 years. The medal has been given by the French Government as a mark of appreciation for her devotion to duty in the charitable institutions in which she has served.

Among the people present at the ceremony were M. Guillaume, the Belgian Consul, and prominent members of the Belgian and French community, including Rev. Father Vircondelet, General Procurator of the French Mission.

RAILWAY TIMES AMENDED

It is announced by the General Manager, Railway, that an amended Railway Timetable will come into operation on Dec. 1.

There are only slight alterations to the local services and the time of the through service to and from Canton remains the same.

SAL-KUNG ROAD CLOSED

The Commissioner of Police announces that Sal-Kung Road is closed to Motor Traffic until further notice.

EXPERT EVIDENCE IN GANG MURDER CASE

Expert evidence on lighting and visibility at the time of a gang fight on May 28, was given by Mr. C. S. Ramage of the Royal Observatory yesterday before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Acting Chief Justice).

The evidence was given during the trial of Lam Kui, Chung Tin and Chung Kai, who are charged with the murder of Lo Bee.

Mr. A.J. Clifford, assisted by Det. Insp. Willerton, is conducting the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Marcus A. da Silva is appearing for all three accused.

Lam Kui, the first accused, who had previously denied taking part in the fight on May 28, also denied that he was a paid professional bully of a Triad society. Lam said that on May 28, he was at Sai Wan throughout the day.

Clansman Came

Chung Tin, second accused, said that he was a coolie employed at the Cheung Chau Ferry Wharf.

Between 7.30 and 9 p.m. on May 28, a clansman came to see him in regard to a pick-pocket case.

The pick-pocket had been asked to return the money stolen, but had not only refused this request, but assaulted the clansman as well.

Chung said that he was asked to accompany his clansman and others to "make a show of strength." At first he did not want to go, but his colleagues called him a coward, so he went.

He was given the branch of a tree. If the pick-pocket refused to return the money, he thought he would use this tree branch to whip him.

The others also carried tree branches.

When they reached First Street, they saw a fight taking place near the coffee stalls. The participants were using poles and choppers.

Chung said that he threw away his tree branch and went home. The next morning, he heard, while taking tea at the Chung Sun Tea-house, that a man had been killed in the fight of the previous night.

He went back to work and was arrested at about 11 a.m.

Chung Kai, third accused, said that he was a coolie foreman and was in charge of the loading and unloading of goods for various firms in Nam Pak Hong.

He also acted as a travelling trader and transported goods between Hong Kong and Tung Koon, his native district.

Between May 28 and the day of his arrest, he made three

The following telegram has been received by the Governor (Sir Alexander Grantham) from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:

"The Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh have received a large number of telegrams and letters from organizations and private individuals in the Colonial Territories wishing them happiness and good fortune."

"Their Royal Highnesses would like the senders to know that these kind thoughts have added a great deal to their happiness at this time."

"They have been deeply touched by the number of people who have written to them and by the warmth of affection which their messages reflected."

"Their Royal Highnesses cannot hope to answer all the letters and telegrams personally, but ask that this general acknowledgment may be accepted as expressing the gratitude which they most sincerely feel."

Youth Charged With Assault On European Women

Committal proceedings were commenced before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when Choi Lai Yin (17) of 5 Wellington Street, was arraigned on charges of robbery with violence and assault, causing actual bodily harm on Mrs. M. Wilson and with indecent assault on another European woman.

Outlining the case, Inspector Cashman said that at 7.30 p.m. on Aug. 28, Mrs. Wilson left her friends at Garden Terrace to go home. She had to pass Queen's Garden to get to her residence at No. 9A Conduit Road.

Between Queen's Garden and Conduit Road she was struck on the head with something hard from behind and on turning round saw defendant.

Got Better Of Him

Defendant struck her again and she fell. Defendant then sat on her

head, and pulled the gold chain from her neck. She struggled, got the better of defendant and got to her feet.

She asked defendant whether he wanted money. Defendant replied that he wanted \$50.

She told defendant to get her shopping bag which was some distance away and, not having that much in her purse, suggested that defendant accompany her to her house where she would give him food and the money he required.

Defendant agreed and together they went to No. 16 Conduit Road, the residence of Mrs. Matthews. She told defendant to wait some distance away, leaving her shopping bag with various articles in it as security for her return.

She did not return, however, but instead communicated with the police. In the meantime defendant had disappeared.

Dr. Gould, the first witness, said that at 11.45 a.m. on Sept. 1 he was handed a rock by Inspector Gordon.

The rock was splattered with numerous brown stains which proved to be human blood.

Mrs. Marine Wilson, the next witness, told of the alleged assault by defendant.

At an identification parade she picked out defendant from among 15 to 20 men.

Injuries

Witness said her injuries consisted of an inch cut on her head, cuts on her forehead, nose and both elbows, right hand and legs.

She did not receive medical treatment because she believed in Christian Science healing and not in doctors.

Evidence of arrest was given by ex-constable Chiu Shi Leung.

Chinese detective Yeung Hing gave evidence of having accompanied defendant to his house at No. 5 Wellington Street. In the rear cubicle he found a cardboard box containing a pair of black spectacles, later identified by Mrs. Wilson as her property.

On the charge of indecent assault on another European woman, the evidence was heard in camera.

Further hearing was then adjourned to Monday, Dec. 1 at 2.30 p.m.

Hong Kong Students Arrive In Britain

Recent arrivals in the United Kingdom were the following Hong Kong students on the S.S. "Boyle" and "Empress of Scotland":

Messrs. Cheng Tung Choy, Mok Wah Chan, Miss Helena Wong and Miss Ho Shu Hing. Messrs. Lam Sui Kwan and Lo Hung Fai, and Miss Rebecca Tso Wai Ki, Miss Hajara Curreen, Miss Lily Trinh, and Miss Kwok Yik Ming.

The latter group was met at Euston Station by Mr. O. T. Dusek, Liaison Officer for Hong Kong students in England, as well as by the appropriate officer of the Welfare Department of the Colonial Office. Up to date academic achievements are:

Mr. Oswald Cheung obtained a First in Hon. Property in Part I of his Hon. Examinations, and Mr. Simon Li Fook San has also passed his Examination in the Law of Contract, thus completing Part I of the Examination.

Miss Amy Lim had passed her Second in Hon. Property in Part I of her Hon. Examinations, and was awarded a Scholarship with the title of Senior Scholar by the University authorities.

NEW RED MOVE IN GERMANY?

Berlin, Nov. 27.

The American-sponsored newspaper Neue Zeitung today declared the Russians have made preparations for establishing a separate Central Government for their occupation zone of Germany.

The Soviet Army newspaper "Tagliche Rundschau" promptly denied it.

The "Neue Zeitung" official German language newspaper of the American Military Government, gave its report in a special full page account of the "situation in the eastern zone."

It also asserted that the "spirits of the German people in the Communist-ruled eastern zone have sunk to the lowest ebb since the occupation began" partly because of reports that if the London conference ends in deadlock, the zone will be bound into the Soviet orbit.—Associated Press.

Personalia

A reception was held in honour of Dr. T.V. Soong at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel last night by the General Committee of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

There were between 400 to 500 guests present at the function, including Sir Alexander Grantham and Lady Grantham, Hong Kong Government Officials, prominent members of the Chinese community, heads of Chinese business firms and a number of leading Chinese personalities from Shanghai.

At the annual meeting of the St. David's Society, held last night at the Jacobsen Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, a committee was elected to deal with the St. David's Day Celebration (March 1st). It was decided to hold "a Nisom Lawen," a typical Welsh evening of choral entertainment.

The committee elected were: Chairman, Mr. J. R. Jones; Secretary, Mr. E. H. Sainsbury; Treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Sainsbury.

Members of the committee are: Mrs. Groves, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Faber, Mrs. Percy Smith, Mr. A.J.W. Evans, Mr. P.J. Griffiths, Mr. L.M.S. Lloyd and Mr. Owen Hughes.

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Reminders

Today
St. Andrew's Ball, Peninsula Hotel.
Address on "The Enjoyment of Living" by Gen. Moore, The H. Club, Talbot House, 8.30 p.m.

Paintings Exhibition, St. Francis Hotel.

"At Home" Guest Morning (Ladies Section), European YMCA.

Commemoration of birthday of Guru Nanak Dev, Jee, Sikh Temple.

Coming Events
TOMORROW
H.K. Products Exhibition, Kam Lung Restaurant.

Garden Fete, Christ Church, Kowloon Tong.
H.K. Football Association Council Dinner, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

H.E. Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, leaves for Canton.

NOVEMBER 30
Lady Grantham officiates at opening of Soft Ball Match (In aid of Boys & Girls Clubs Association), Caroline Hill, 10.30 a.m.

THE BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB ASSN.

The following events are being organized in support of the Association funds:—

SUNDAY, 30th NOVEMBER, 1947

SOFTBALL MATCH at Caroline Hill Football Ground. Lady Grantham has kindly consented to open the Match at 10.30 A.M.

Tickets obtainable at the offices of Messrs. Percy Smith & Co.

MONDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1947

Gala First Night Performance of "AN INSPECTOR CALLS"

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FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER, 1947

SPECIAL DANCE

At The Kowloon Cricket Club.

Tickets: \$15 double, \$8 single.

SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1947

GRAND FETE

At The Murray Barracks Parade Ground. (By kind permission of the O.C. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers).

SUNDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 1947

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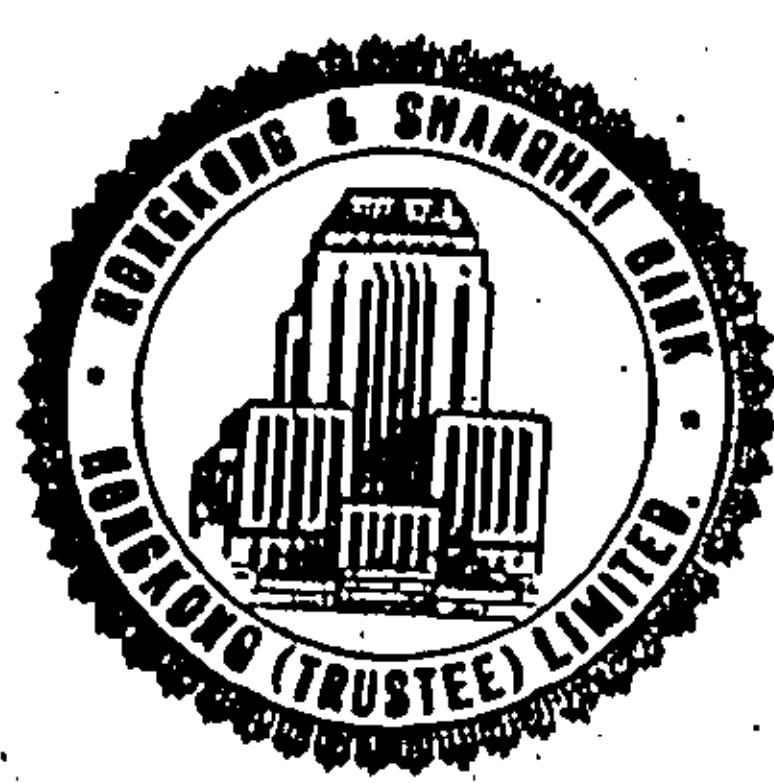
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The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through numbers (7 races—\$14) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race as well as those for the "Hong Kong Derby" to be run at the Annual Race Meeting in January 1948. The latter may also be purchased at the Club Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.
NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all bills etc. Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 p.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27618).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.
PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tio Tao men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES
Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

Soviet Embassy's Riposte

PARIS, NOV. 26.—THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN PARIS STATED TONIGHT THAT SEVERAL OF THE WHITE RUSSIAN WITH RECENTLY-ACQUIRED SOVIET NATIONALITY, WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FROM FRANCE AS UNDESIRABLE PERSONS, SERVED DURING THE WAR WITH THE FRENCH RESISTANCE.

Earlier, the French Ministry of the Interior stated that 19 undesirable persons had been expelled from the country after being arrested in different parts of France, where there had been social disorders, notably in Marseilles. The Ministry would not confirm that all these expelled were Soviet subjects.

A spokesman of the Ministry said that the Russians took Soviet nationality after the war as a result of propaganda appeals.

In a long communique tonight, the Soviet Embassy stated that the Russians in France had adopted a patriotic attitude towards Russia and the Red Army during the war and had formed a Union of Soviet citizens in Paris. The task of the Union was primarily to aid in the repatriation of Soviet citizens from France, but this was hindered by the multiple difficulties raised by the French authorities, who particularly obstructed the repatriation of children with their parents, the communique added. Reuter.

CALENDAR HINT

London, Nov. 26.—Hint on the duration of the Foreign Ministers' conference: American Embassy officials of personnel can Embassy offices of personnel were furnished with 1948 calendars today.—United Press.

CHOICE BEFORE AMERICA Building Up Of Either China Or Japan

Freda Utley's Views

New York, Nov. 27.—America faces a choice of building up Nationalist China as a "citadel of peace" or Japan as a "springboard for war" with Russia, Miss Freda Utley asserted today in "Last Chance in China."

The authoress is an anti-Soviet former Communist, long a student of the Far East. The book published today is based on a year she spent as correspondent in China since Japan's surrender. Her conclusions may well qualify her for membership on the Russian list of "warmongers."

"The United States cannot afford to disregard China and say 'a plague on both your houses' to Nationalists and Communists," Miss Utley said. "The Russian colossus is double-headed and faces both East and West; and the last war taught us that America is more likely to be attacked from Asia than from Europe."

Only Insurance

"General Marshall's return and his recall of our troops from China early in 1947 left a free field for the spread of Soviet-Communist power. Some Americans now see no other course than our concentration on a satellite Japan as the last line of defence of the democratic world in the Western Pacific. This would mean the adoption of a completely defeatist attitude. For just as Japan is a natural fortress and springboard for war, so China is a potential citadel of peace. A peaceful democratic and strong China linked with America by bonds of friendship is our only insurance against another war in the Pacific."

"The Chinese Government is certainly no worse than the Government of Greece. It also is operating in an atmosphere of chaos and extremism. It fought longer with less aid than any country which resisted the Axis."

Military Poorhouse
Maintaining that American financial aid other help to Chiang Kai-shek must precede, not follow, reform of the Chinese Government, Miss Utley added:

"China's productive forces could be revived by a much smaller per capita expenditure than is required in Europe. Two of three billion U.S. dollars would probably suffice, only part of which needs to be in the form of inter-governmental loans, the rest being obtainable from export balances secured by Chinese exports to Japan's former Asiatic markets."

"The Book Of Needs"

London, Nov. 26.—A grim picture of ruins, lack of equipment, overworked teachers and underfed children in 15 war-devastated countries is presented in the report by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, published here today.

The report, entitled "The Book of Needs," tabulates under broad headings the most pressing needs of the nations from Belgium east to the Philippines.

Among its grimest discoveries was that in Greece, between 60,000 and 100,000 children were said to wander homeless throughout the country suffering from war shock and under-nourishment.

In the other countries covered, the report found:

Austria: Seventy per cent of the State school children are underfed. The schools are overcrowded and the teachers in short supply.

Belgium: The educational authorities are faced with ironing out the effects of "a deliberate plan for the nazification of Belgian youth."

Burma: Nearly all libraries and 30 per cent of the schools were destroyed or looted during the war.

Epidemics are ravaging the country.

China
China: China is drained of almost everything but students.

Ethiopia: Only 40,000 of the 2,000,000 children of school age attend school.

France: Of the hundreds of totally destroyed schools not one had been rebuilt and all education subsidies are short.

Peru: The nation is combating the results of wartime famine and shortage of school supplies.

Italy: There are about 500,000 orphans to be cared for and supplies are lacking to rebuild 250 libraries destroyed or damaged.

Luxembourg: Wrecked churches are the most serious cultural loss.

Holland: Some 10,000 small children have been deprived of schooling.

The Philippines: It is estimated that US\$63,000,000 is needed to mend war-ravaged schools.

Poland: "Almost wholesale material destruction and an enormous loss of life" is presented. Tuberculosis threatens the health of the children, and most of the war-maimed children are uncared for.

Yugoslavia: Tuberculosis, due to malnutrition, and also anaemia, have been difficult to cure because of the lack of food. Many children have not sufficient clothes for the coming winter.—Reuter.

Decisive Senate Vote

WASHINGTON, NOV. 26.—THE SENATE TODAY DEFEATED BY 56 VOTES TO 30 AN ATTEMPT TO CUT THE \$597,000,000 INTERIM AID PROGRAMME FOR FRANCE, ITALY AND AUSTRIA TO \$400,000,000 AND APPARENTLY PUSHED OPEN THE WAY TOWARD A DECISIVE VOTE.

The defeat of the amendment, proposed by Senator George W. Malone, Republican of Nevada, was considered to be a sound indication of the trend in the Upper House, and observers felt assured of final approval.

Senator Malone's was the only serious amendment thus far submitted and the way for quick voting action appeared to be clear.

The defeat of the amendment followed a warning by Senator Vandenberg, the Republican Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that it would be "throwing 15 feet of rope to a man drowning 20 feet away from the shore."

Persia Talks Back To Russia

Teheran, Nov. 26.—An "emphatic rejection" of the Soviet charge in a note of November 20 that Persia is "following a hostile policy towards the Soviet Union" was contained in a note sent by the Persian Premier, Ghamam Es Sultaneh, to the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Sadchikov, in Teheran today.

The Soviet protest had warned that "grave consequences" might follow the rejection by the Persian Parliament of the agreement granting North Persian rights to Russia.

Today's Persian note said that the Persian Government and nation had not followed nor were following a discriminatory policy against the Soviet Union. "We can only live in a peaceful atmosphere if a stop is put to the unwarranted propaganda of the Moscow and Baku Radio," the note said.

In its exposition of the Soviet-Persian negotiations in the north of Persia, according to the Teheran Radio, the "question of a concession" had at one time been the subject between the two parties since the negotiations for the grant of concessions were forbidden and held punishable by Persian law.

The Persian Government, having explored the possibility of a joint company, had presented the project to the Majlis (Parliament) but the Majlis had not endorsed the agreement with the law. The agreement

Boer War Deleted

London, Nov. 26.—The Exchange Telegraph, in a despatch from Johannesburg, reported today that the Transvaal local Education Department had decided to delete all references to South African history between 1899 and 1911—the period of the Boer War—from their secondary school history books.

According to the despatch, the ban was to "promote better feeling between English and Afrikaners children."

In the Boer War, Afrikaners fought the British unsuccessfully for their independence.—United Press.

Stop-Go Speech Lights

Croydon, Nov. 26.—The Mayor of Croydon had a set of miniature traffic lights on his desk at the meeting today of Croydon's council.

When a member began to speak, a green light showed, and after four and half minutes an amber light appeared. After five minutes a red light showed and the speaker was supposed to sit down—but he (or she) did not always do it.—Reuter.

Tunney Strikes Uranium

Washington, Nov. 27.—The Atomic Energy Commission is investigating reports that a mining company owned by the former heavyweight boxing champion, Gene Tunney, and others has found rich uranium deposits in northwestern Canada.

The major source of uranium for the United States manufacture of atomic bombs during the war was the Great Bear Lake region of Canada.

Reports from Vancouver, B.C., said uranium prospectors for the Tunney firm struck it rich in the Great Slave area south-west of Great Bear Lake.

The spokesman refused to say what the Commission could do about the reports if they were found true.

Canada has set up chain-reacting uranium piles for power research purposes and these piles doubtless will claim a considerable amount of Canada's uranium production.—United Press.

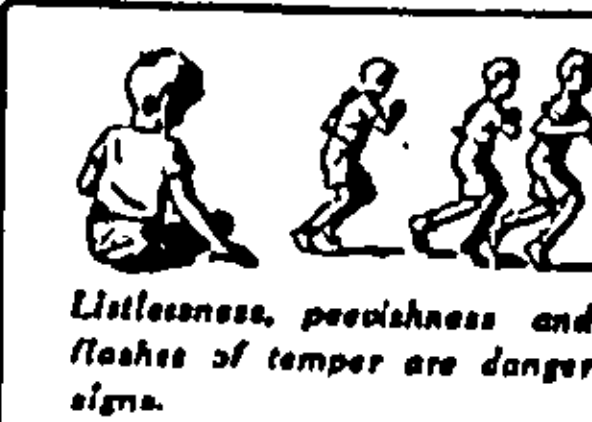
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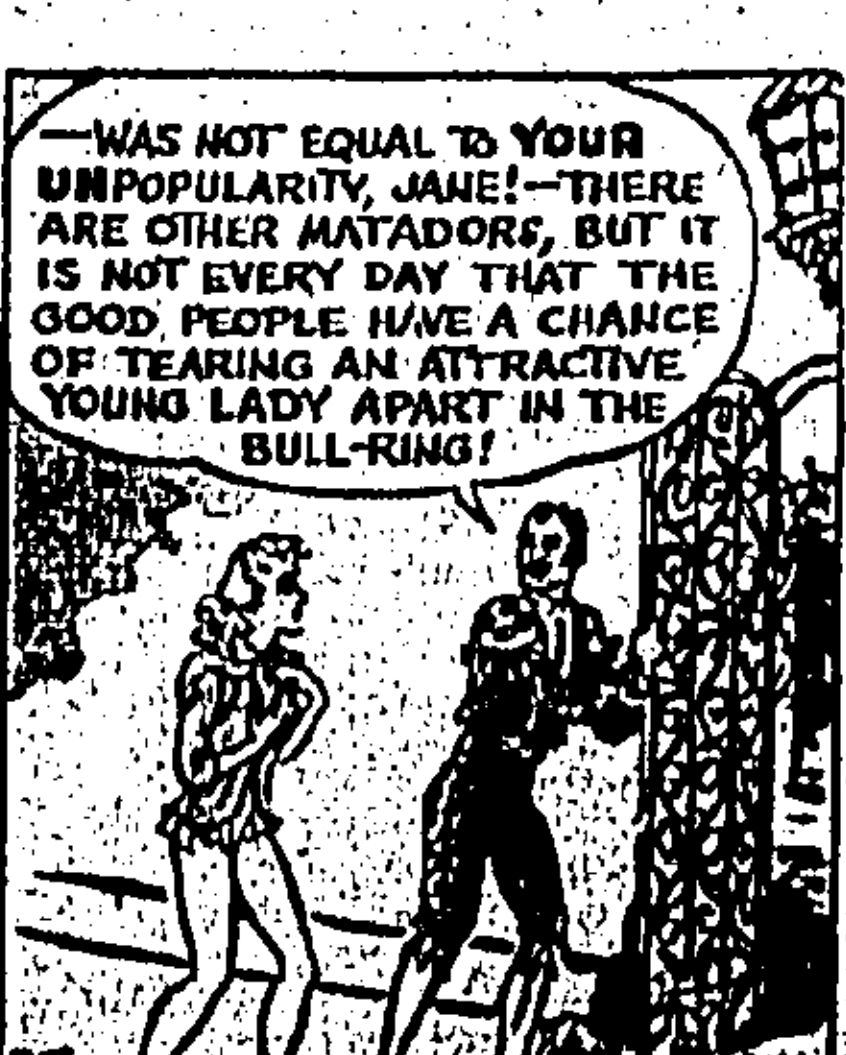
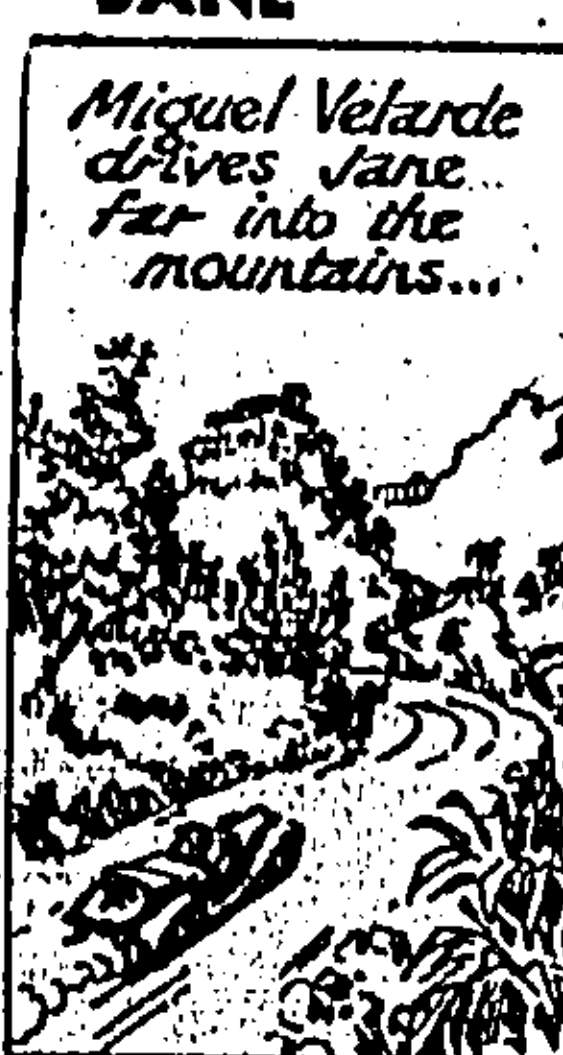
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of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily until Friday, 28th November, 1947.

5. Applications to view will be received at and necessary passes
and tender forms obtained from HQ RASC, Whitfield Barracks,
Kowloon, daily between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. up to
Friday, 28th November, 1947.

6. Tenders will be received up to 11 a.m. Tuesday, 2nd December,
and must be deposited at HQ RASC, Whitfield Barracks Kow-
loon, in sealed packets, marked "Tender for purchase of RASC
Oil and Grease" before this time and date.

7. The Secretary of State for War does not bind himself to
accept the highest or any tender.

E. G. HAZELTON,
Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commander, Royal Army Service Corps,
HQ Land Forces, Hong Kong.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

RE-COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUE OF MONTHLY TICKETS

Arrangements for the issue of Monthly Tickets (1st Class)
will commence from the month of December.

PRICE \$18

These Tickets are available throughout all routes of the Com-
pany's services at all times.

Monthly Tickets are issued to individual holders in the
terms of Rules governed by Section 36 of The Tramway Or-
dinance and are not transferable in any circumstances.

December Tickets will be on sale upon application at the
Company's Traffic Office, Canal Road East, on and after Tues-
day, 25th November, 1947.

W. F. SIMMONS
GENERAL MANAGER

Hongkong, 19th Nov. 1947.

NOTICE

CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
(Hongkong Branch)

To

MESSRS SAI HING CO.,

(Originally located at 28 Des Voeux Road, West, Hongkong)

For settlement of returning M/V "Lily," "Charlotte" &
"Wa Ying Lee," you are requested to call on this office before
30th November 1947.

K. C. CHAN
Manager
Tel. No. 21434

Hongkong, 26th, November 1947.

REMOVAL NOTICE

GEORGE FALCONER & CO. (H.K.) LTD.

have much pleasure

in announcing

Their Return to Their Former Premises

in

UNION BUILDING (Opp. The G.P.O.)

AS FROM THE 1st DECEMBER, 1947.

NOTICE

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**MESSRS. D.H. BENJAMIN & SONS,
STORAGE LIMITED.**

Representatives of

**MESSRS. FAR EAST SUPERINTENDENCE,
(SHANGHAI)**

**MESSRS. SOCIETE GENERALE DE
SURVEILLANCE, S. A. GENEVA**
(General Superintendence Company Ltd., Geneva)

wish to notify their clients and friends on the removal of their
offices from the Bank of Canton Bldg., Room 38, 2nd floor, to

**VICTORY BUILDING,
THIRD FLOOR,
WYNDHAM STREET,**

AS FROM 1ST DEC., 1947

HARRIMAN REALTY CO.

REAL ESTATE BROKERS — Come to us for advice —
Properties available, Shauwan Hill, Peak, Kowloon, Repulse
and Central. 288 Bank of East Asia Bldg. Tel. 23622, 23633,
Telegrams "Harriman".

HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

ST. ANDREW'S BALL

Members and Guests attend-
ing St. Andrew's Ball are re-
quested to note the following
points:

1. Entrance to the Peninsula
Hotel is by the main door
only. Dancing will take
place on the first floor and
supper will be served in the
Foyer and in the
Cafeteria.

2. Admittance to the Ball is
by ticket only and these
MUST be presented on
entering. Tickets cannot be
obtained at the door and
no signatures will be ac-
cepted.

3. A private launch service
will operate from Queen's
Pier, Hong Kong, between
the hours of 8.30 p.m. and
9.30 p.m. A late ferry ser-
vice will operate from
Kowloon at 1.30 a.m., 2.00
a.m. and 2.30 a.m. on the
morning of Saturday, 29th
November.

4. The Opening Ceremony will
take place at 9 o'clock
p.m. The first supper will
be served shortly after 11
o'clock p.m. and Members
and guests wishing to be
served then are requested
to be seated in good time
before that hour as no table
reservations may be made.

5. Dress for the Ball is re-
stricted to Highland Dress,
Dinner Jacket or Lounge
Suit.

D. S. ROBB
Joint Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1947.

LAWN BOWLS

**St. Andrew's Society
Versus
St. George's Society**

The annual match will take
place at the K.B.G.C. on Sat-
urday, Dec. 13th, commencing at
2.45 p.m.

Members wishing to play are
requested to send their names
to the under-mentioned before
Saturday Dec. 6th.

St. Andrew's Society:—
J. McKelvie,
Kowloon Dock.

St. George's Society:—
J. G. Meyer,
P.O. Box 300.

The teams will be published
on Tuesday, Dec. 9th.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

Members are reminded of the
St. Andrew's Day Remembrance
Service to be held at Stanley
Cemetery at 3 p.m. on Sunday,
30th November, 1947.

D. S. ROBB,
Joint Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 27th Nov., 1947.

REMOVAL NOTICE

Wish to announce that as from
1st DECEMBER, 1947 their
New Offices will be at

**MARINA HOUSE
ROOMS 712/714
7th FLOOR
PHONE NO. 32162**

POLICE NOTICE

SAL-KUNG ROAD

Notice is hereby given that
the above mentioned road is
closed to Motor Traffic until
further notice.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.
Hongkong, 26th November, 1947.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that as from
1st December 1947, my new
office premises will be situated
at Gloucester Building, first
floor, Rooms 107-109.

M. A. DA SILVA,
Solicitor.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of
ARDESHIR BEJANJEE
KHARAS otherwise spelt
ARDESHIR BEJONJEE
KHARAS late of No. 38 Ice
House Street, Top Floor
Victoria in the Colony of
Hongkong Retired Account-
ant deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates
Ordinance 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their claims
against the above estate to the
11th day of December 1947.

All Creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.
Dated the 17th day of Nov.
1947.

A. el ARCULLI

Solicitor for the Executor of the
said deceased,
Kayanmally Building, 2nd floor,
Hong Kong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

In the Goods of JOHAN
HEMER GIDEON HALL-
GREN late of No. 513
Magazine Gap Road, Victoria
in the Colony of Hong Kong,
Merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates Or-
dinance, 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their claims
against the above estate to the
18th day of December, 1947.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 24th day of
November, 1947.

LO AND LO,
Solicitors for the Administrator,
Alexandra Building,
Des Voeux Road, Central
Hong Kong.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors
and Appraisers.
Federation Building,
Telephone No. 20224.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The undersigned have received
instructions to sell by Public
Auction on

Friday, the 28th November 1947
commencing at 2.30 P.M.

at their Sales Rooms No. 35
Hankow Road Kowloon.

**A FINE COLLECTION OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
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Teakwood Wardrobes, Dressing
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Writing Table, Set of Tea Pots,
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Chest, Chesterfield Suits, Chair
Covers, Carpets, Rugs, Glass
Ware, Tea Sets, 1 Perfect Oil
Heater-New, 10 Ladies' Fur
Coats-New, 1 Fox Fur, Fire
Brassess, Odd Tables, Carpet
Runner, and Fram Etc., Etc.

Also

1 Singer Treadle Sewing
Machine
1 Teak Dining Room Suite
1 " Bed Room Suite
1 Frigidairo
1 Underwood Typewriter
1 Remington Portable Type-
writer
1 Mercury II Camera with
Case, Lens f 2.7 and Tripod
On View from Thursday, 27th
November 1947.

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Auctioneers.**

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NOTICE

**THE FAR EAST
AVIATION COMPANY
LIMITED.**

**COMPANIES
(RECONSTRUCTION
OF RECORDS)
ORDINANCE, 1947.**

**Reconstruction of
Register of Members.**

The Far East Aviation Com-
pany Limited (hereinafter called
"the Company") has applied
to the Registrar of Companies
for leave to reconstruct its Re-
gister of Members, under Section
12 of the Companies (Recon-
struction of Records) Ordinance,
1947.

The statutory declaration in
support of the application and
the exhibits thereto (being lists
of persons who it is believed
are entitled to be registered as
shareholders of the Company)
can be inspected, on payment of
the prescribed fees, in the of-
fice of the Registrar of Com-
panies, Supreme Court, Hong
Kong. A copy of the statutory
declaration and the exhibits
thereto may also be inspected
at the Company's Head Office
during ordinary working hours.

All persons who claim to be
entitled to be registered as
shareholders of the Company
must notify the Company of
their FULL NAMES and AD-
DRESSES, their claim and the
evidence upon which it is based
WITHIN THREE MONTHS
from the 1st day of December,
1947.

Persons who hold Share Cer-
tificates and Transfer Deeds (if
any) are requested to produce
them at the Company's Head
Office if they have not already
done so. Shareholders who have
lost their scrip are requested to
write to the Company giving all
known particulars of their hold-
ing and the circumstances of the
loss, when further information
will be given as to any further
evidence required.

All notices and communica-
tions should be addressed to the
Company at its Head Office,
26, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

H. R. de PINNA
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 28th Nov., 1947.

NOTICE

**THE FAR EAST
FLYING TRAINING
SCHOOL LIMITED**

**COMPANIES
(RECONSTRUCTION
OF RECORDS)
ORDINANCE, 1947.**

**Reconstruction of
Register of Members.**

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School Limited (hereinafter called
"the Company") has applied
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Hong Kong, 28th Nov., 1947.

BIG FOUR AGREE:-

Austrian Peace To Come First

London, Nov. 26.
The Big Four Foreign Ministers today broke their
deadlock on Austria and agreed to place her
peace treaty first on their agenda.
The Four Ministers also agreed after some discus-
sion on the order in which they would take all
six items for their agenda.

The order is: 1. The Austrian
Treaty, as proposed by the three
western delegations.
2. Preparation of the German
peace treaty, including procedure
and frontiers. This meets the
Soviet suggestion that the Ger-
man treaty question ought to
head the discussion of German
items.

3. Economic principles for the
future of Germany.

4. Form and scope of a pro-
visional German Government.

5. An inquiry into the carrying
out of the demilitarization in-
structions for Germany drawn up
at the Moscow Conference.

6. The four-power demilitariza-
tion and disarmament treaty for
Germany, proposed by the United-
ed States delegation.

The Austrian question was
immediately passed to the
special deputies appointed by
the foreign ministers and these
will meet tomorrow.

Benelux Approach

Belgium, the Netherlands and
Luxembourg, in a joint note
today asked the Council of For-
eign Ministers meeting here to
hear their views on Germany
and not to decide anything
without previously consulting
them.

The note, which marked the
first concerted approach of the
three Benelux countries to the
Big Four, endorsed the United
States proposal for a 40-year
German disarmament and de-
militarization treaty.

NO DATE FOR PALESTINE

London, Nov. 26.

The British Government
is not able to announce the
date for termination of
their mandate for Palestine,
Mr. Christopher Mayhew,
Under-Secretary for For-
eign Affairs, stated in a
Parliamentary reply today.

But failing a solution of
the Palestine problem,
agreed by Jews and Arabs,
the mandate, he added,
would be surrounded before
Aug. 1 next year, the date
for which the final with-
drawal of British troops is
planned.—Reuter.

Of seeking an imperialistic
peace which would enslave
part of the world.

Mr. Marshall listened patient-
ly, then in a crisp, short reply
told Mr. Molotov: "I am con-
vinced the Soviet delegate does
not really believe his allega-
tions. Let us get down to
work and drop this business of
alleging evil motives, which
are arguments of propaganda,
and try to reach an agree-
ment for the benefit of the entire
world. We need to promote
tranquillity instead of bitter-
ness and misunderstanding."

Mr. Ernest Bevin (British
Foreign Secretary) lumbered
to his feet and added sarcasti-
cally, "We are apparently all
warmongers. There seems to
be only one saint—the Soviet
Union—and the rest of us come
from down below. If these
charges are treated with the
humour they deserve, we may
be able to get on with busi-
ness."—United Press.

POLICE NOTICE

**POLICE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE DEPARTURE FROM
THE COLONY OF HIS EX-
CELLENCY DR. T.V. SOONG,
GOVERNOR OF KWANTUNG
PROVINCE ON 29TH NOV.,**

SHOWING TO-DAY **WINKS** AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.

EXTRA! M.G.M. METRO-NEWS SPECIAL ROYAL WEDDING of H.R.H. PRINCESS ELIZABETH and H.R.H. DUKE of EDINBURGH

A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF FUN IN THE NEW DILLION-DOLLAR SMART SET PLAYGROUND!

DOROTHY LAMOUR ARTURO DE CORDOVA
Masquerade in Mexico
A MITCHELL LEISEN PRODUCTION

SUNDAY MORNING SHOW AT 11.30 A.M. ONLY
"GOING MY MAY"
A Paramount Picture - At Reduced Prices

SHOWING TO-DAY **QUEEN'S** AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 P.M.

THE PICTURE THAT WON THE ACADEMY AWARD FOR JOAN FONTAINE!

THESE TWO GREAT STARS united by the master-director of suspenseful romance!

CARY GRANT JOAN FONTAINE
Suspicion
Directed by ALFRED HITCHCOCK
with SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE, NIGEL BRUCE, DAME MAY WHITTY

— NEXT CHANGE —
The Record Breaking Chinese Picture!
"SECRET AGENT NO. 1"
Dialogue in MANDARIN

SHOWING TO-DAY **Cathay** AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

RAW! RUGGED! RUTHLESS!
TOLD THE UNTAMED HEMINGWAY WAY!

MARK HELLINGER
ERNEST HEMINGWAY'S
KILLERS
Directed by ROBERT SODMAK
LUMINOUS ORIGIN, ALBERT DEKKER, SAM LEVIN

For Shoes of Distinction!

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Casuals in Brown, Blue, Green, Red.

\$18.90 Controlled Price.

Brown, Black, \$44.90 Controlled Price.

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Agent for
Rata
Shoe Co., Ltd.
35a, Queen's Road, C. (Entrance from D'Arquilla St.)

INSURANCE BROKER'S LAPSE

Charged with fraudulent conversion of \$1,000, a collection from Tai Sing Company of 64 Gilman Street and the property of the New Zealand Insurance Company, Ho Hok Chau, 67, insurance broker, was bound over in a sum of \$200 for six months by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday.

Mr. A.S.C. Comber for the defence pleaded guilty. Defendant had committed the offence through stupidity more than anything else and had no criminal intent, he said. Certain commissions were due to defendant from the company. But for the prosecution this would have been paid to him. Defendant had made every endeavour to make restitution, and he would ask the court to deal leniently with him.

Mr. W. C. Huang (for the complainant) said the company was not pressing the case or defendant had been very satisfactory in his work.

Mr. Tam registered a conviction and bound defendant over in the above sum.

Personalia

The birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji will be celebrated by the Sikh Community at Hong Kong at the Sikh Temple today. All well-wishers and followers of the Sikh faith are requested to attend. Meals and refreshments will be supplied to all visitors.

"The Enjoyment of Living" will be the subject of a talk to be given by Mr. G. Moore at the meeting of the T.C. at 8.30 this evening.

Tue. II meet at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong and all men interested are invited.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Benjamin Nagalonn Ligon, musician, of 75 Jaffe Road, to Miss Maria Charlotte Olsson, of 8 Village Road, Happy Valley, has been announced.

Arrivals at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday included: Col. M.H. Cheo and Mrs. C.G. Holt. Departures were: Mr. L.N. Tai and Mr. F. Maloof.

Arrivals at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday included: Mr. G.H. Gomporiz and Mr. and Mrs. K. Huang. Departures were: Mr. M. Grinaten, Miss T. Ginter and Dr. E.S. Tai.

Arrivals at the Repulse Bay Hotel: Mr. and Mrs. A.H. de Roza, Mr. G.H. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Levy. Departures included: Mr. and Mrs. J. Maguire and Mr. N. Spence.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals: Mrs. M.H. Anderson, W.R. Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. E.B. McElin, E.H. Crowther, M.G. Casey, E.A.M. Noelling, Mr. and Mrs. P.J. Dumont, Joseph Turner, C. Raffoul and Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Trippe.

Peninsula departures: Mrs. F. Phillips, Mrs. M. Helwing, Mr. and Mrs. P.S. Brown, V.M. Hugo, Mr. and Mrs. T.S.M. Terrace, Mr. and Mrs. E. Shervine, Mrs. M. Sewell, W.E. Hargrave, A.J. Evans and N.B. Hansen.

STAR
Phone 55315
2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.
TO-DAY ONLY
"LEAVE HER TO HEAVEN"
STARRING Gene Tierney
Cornel Wilde & Jeanne Crain
COMMENCING TO-MORROW
To be shown for the first time in full-length
"THE SONG OF BERNADETTE"
Special Times
2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30.

POP
GO AND WASH YOUR HANDS
WHAT BOTH OF THEM?
NO! JUST ONE! I WANT TO SEE HOW YOU DO IT!

3 Still Marooned On Wrecked U.S. Ship

Ketchikan, Alaska, Nov. 27. Three of four men who survived the wrecking of the army freighter "Clarkdale Victory" were still marooned on the shattered bow section last night as early rescue parties postponed until later further attempts to evacuate them. One survivor and three bodies were lowered from the bow of the broken freighter and were carried ashore through raging seas. The rescued survivor, who was not identified, was reported to be suffering from exposure and shock. — United Press.

Servicemen Robbed Him, Says Taxi-Driver

Flight Mechanic John Brewster, R.A.F., A.B. James McLachlan, R.N., and Stoker Norman McDonald, H.M.S. "Tamar," were arraigned before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Acting Puisne Judge), at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of having robbed Chan Luen-bun, taxi driver, of \$27 on Oct. 4.

Mr. B. H. Salmon, assisted by Det. Insp. Moore, prosecuted. The accused were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist.

There were a number of Naval and Air Force Officers present in Court throughout yesterday's proceedings.

Mr. Salmon said that complainant was asked by three Servicemen outside the Kwong Chiu Restaurant at about 2.40 a.m. on Oct. 4 to take them to Queen Mary Hospital.

The driver's assistant sat in the rear with two of the Servicemen. The other Serviceman sat next to complainant.

As the taxi approached the Chinese Cemetery in Pokfulam Road, the Serviceman sitting next to the complainant asked to be allowed to drive. Complainant refused and was nudged in the shoulder.

One of the Servicemen in the rear then stole \$27 from complainant's upper jacket pocket. Complainant and his assistant jumped out and ran down the road, shouting "Snatching". The three Servicemen disappeared up the hillside.

Accused were later traced and, when questioned by the Police, made voluntary statements.

Brewster's Story

After evidence for the prosecution, Brewster, called by the defence, said that on the evening of Oct. 4, he met two friends, McDonald and McLachlan. They first went to the "Union Jack Club, where they had a couple of drinks each. They then went to the China Fleet Club, where they also had some drinks. When the China Fleet closed, they walked about Wanchai trying to obtain drinks but were unsuccessful.

McLachlan suggested going to the Queen Mary Hospital to look up a friend who might have some beer.

Hearing will be resumed at 10.30 a.m. today.

SHOWING TO-DAY **MAJESTIC** AT 2.30, 5.00, 7.20 & 9.40 p.m.

The Music... the Magic... the Times of America's Greatest Entertainer!

The JOLSON STORY
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WILLIAM DEMAREST - BILL GOODWIN
Produced by SONEY SKOLSKY - Directed by ALFRED I. GREEN

ORIENTAL
Final Showing To-day At 2.30, 5.20, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.
A VERY EXCITING PICTURE

THE GREATEST ADVENTURE STORY SINCE "TREASURE ISLAND"

SWAMP WATER
WALTER BRENNAN, WALTER HUSTON, ANNE BAXTER, DANA ANDREWS
COMMENCING TO-MORROW "SHOW-OFF"

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NO! JUST ONE! I WANT TO SEE HOW YOU DO IT!

GUEST NIGHT AT THE "Y"

Members "Guest Night" at the European "Y" yesterday was well attended and an enjoyable evening was spent with a well-organized entertainment programme.

Mr. Charles Smith, dressed in full Highland regalia, discharged the duties of Master of Ceremonies and made a special appeal for Food Parcels for Britain.

Mr. Smith also, was auctioneer of articles contributed towards the Fund.

The evening started with a film, "Victory Parade" by the kindness of Mr. Whittle.

Then followed a one-act tragedy, "Campbell of Chikmohr," produced by Alan Chikmohr.

Capt. Scotty Wilson played the notorious Campbell, well supported in the lead by Mrs. Kathleen Stuart as Mary Stewart.

Mollie Terry was seen again as the innocent Morag. Among other members of the cast were: Geoff Baker, as a very dashing Capt., Sultman of the Redoubt; Nelson Slater, the clerk; James Muckenzie, Don Eldridge and Jack Tatum as the two Redoubts.

The performance was sufficiently exact and the cast is to be highly congratulated.

Mrs. Winifred Swan, assisted by Mrs. Jean Sloan, Miss Pamela Crofton and others contributed extensively to the evening's success.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 345 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.22 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.15 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.10 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

12.15 p.m.—Studio Morning Prayer.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
1.22 p.m.—Latin Orchestra with Gordon Little (Vocal) and Celia Linton.

1.50 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.55 p.m.—Orchestra Interlude.
1.58 p.m.—Vocal.
2.00 p.m.—Popular Classics.
2.05 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Studio Children's Half Hour.
6.20 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Grand Hotel," Albert Bandler and the Orchestra, with Gladys Ripley to sing.

7.00 p.m.—Studio "You Asked For It," Variety Request Programme presented by Monica Jackson.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News Selections.

8.15 p.m.—Orchestra.
8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: A Play, "Three Inheritance," by Anthony Cooper, with Gladys Young and James McKechnie.

9.30 p.m.—Studio: Two Music Recitals by Caroline Hayes and Betty Brown.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.11 p.m.—Wagner's "Tannhauser" Act 2. Principal Artists: Chorale of Pillgrims and Minstrels with the Hayworth Festival Orchestra conducted by Karl Elmendorff.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

VICTORY
MATHAN 28, TEL. 2800
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In every throbbing kiss!
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Home in INDIANA
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Walter Brennan, Lon McCallister, Jackie Chan, Charles Bickford
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SHIRLEY'S A RUG-CUTTING UTTERBUG...
The Boys are wild about her in her first grown-up glamour role—and you will be too!

AND HOW SHE DRIVES THE BOYS WILD!

EDWARD SMALL presents
SHIRLEY TEMPLE
"Miss Annie Rooney"
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QUEST FOR CHEAPER HOUSING

Belated though it may be, the decision to carry out an official study of what appears to be outrageously high building costs in the Colony is a step in the right direction. In the last analysis, it is only by the provision of new houses and new office accommodation that a solution can be found to more than one local problem—provided always that their initial outlay can be brought down to reasonable levels. Large-scale construction at present-day costs would merely perpetuate excessive rentals, the key-money racket, the generally excessive price levels, indeed, the entire vicious circle. There is still, in other words, much to be said in favour of Government subsidisation, as cheaper in the long run in the interest of Hong Kong's general economy. The speculative building which has been proceeding at an accelerated rate recently, does the Colony little good: it could have value only if it created a property slump and the speculators were caught out on the losing end.

What the new committee may be expected to achieve to ease the situation gives rise to mixed opinions. The first part of their terms of reference offers few difficulties, being largely a matter of the collection of statistics. It should not be difficult to show that the increase in cost under the heading of labour is considerably greater than the advance in the price of materials. More complicated but offering the one real promise of a valuable report is the proposed investigation with a view to introducing new methods to cheapen the cost of building. Assuming this is found to be practicable, the Committee is to prepare designs to enable experimental buildings to be erected. Presumably, enquiries will be directed largely overseas, where the problem of building not only cheaply but rapidly has engaged the attention of experts, and where new methods have actually been tested. Only recently, from the British Isles came reports of the development of an entirely new building material, capable of being sprayed upon a wire frame to any desired thickness, hardening within a few minutes and becoming speedily as tough as concrete. Within China itself, a method is as old as the hills, was used extensively in the construction of old monasteries, and was based upon the use of materials readily available in Hong Kong, has attracted some attention and was recently discussed in the columns of the "China Mail". It is along such lines as these that the Committee may well look in the carrying out of the task assigned to them. The scope is wide, but the field of enquiry is at least well defined. There is no special reason, therefore, why the investigation should be long drawn out. The Committee will earn the community's thanks if it proceeds on the assumption that the matter must be treated as one of real urgency. It is about time some progress was made in the search for a remedy for what was defined two years ago as Hong Kong's No. 1 priority problem.

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One Answer

To the charges that the British Colony encourages, and indeed lives upon smuggling, there is one conclusive answer: the prevention of smuggling is the business of the Preventive Services of the country into which goods are smuggled, not the responsibility of the territory whence they are exported. It would be fatuous for France to complain that exports from the United Kingdom or from Belgium were being smuggled into French territory. The British or Belgian Government would reply that if that were the case the responsibility rested with the French Customs Services. Canada, it may be recalled, took the same view when quantities of alcoholic beverages were being smuggled across the American border during the Prohibition period. Smuggling on a large scale can only occur where the Preventive Service of the country affected is incompetent, or where it is operated in connivance with official services such as the Customs, the Army, the Navy, or the Air Force. The temptation to the smuggler and his accomplices is enhanced when excessive import or currency restrictions offer prospects of enormous profits.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")
Captain Smith, of the Ballybark "Jane," on the passage from Macassar to Singapore, in crossing the Suloo Sea observed a small boat with a mat sail which on near approach was found to contain a little boy, from 9 to 10 years of age.

This lad stated that when very young he had been stolen from his home and sold to natives of the Suloo Islands. Two days prior to being sighted from the "Jane," the boy managed to escape from slavery in company with a man, a fellow slave.

On perceiving a square-rigged vessel, the man climbed to the top of the mast of the boat, from whence (probably owing to excitement) he fell and struck his head on the gunwale of the boat; he fell overboard and the boy not being able to pick him up he was drowned.

On the following day another boat, very narrow with outriggers, was seen to approach the "Jane," in which were 4 men who stated they had been stolen from Macassar and Bony two years previously and sold at Soboloo.

An opportunity offering, these men had seized a boat in which they launched forth, without food or water, quite devoid of clothing; in which state they were picked up by Captain Smith; they were so exhausted from privation and hunger that it was found necessary to hold them on board.

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CHINA PROTEST AT U.N.

Nanking, Nov. 27.

China, through her Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Wellington Koo, will lodge a protest with the United Nations regarding the Soviet removal of Japanese industrial equipment from Manchuria. Reuters was informed by Dr. Chia Fen, the Director of Reparations.

He said the first batch of Japanese machine tools are expected in China early next month. A supervisory committee will be formed next month to dispose of the Japanese reparations as they arrive.

HONG KONG AND SMUGGLING

By H.G.W. Woodhead, C.B.E.

Criticism of smuggling from Hong Kong into China is no new thing. But of late there has been a tendency in Chinese official and unofficial circles to attach disproportionate importance to it as a factor in China's economic structure. No-one would deny that smuggling does take place. But to place the entire responsibility upon Hong Kong is to reveal a serious lack of perspective. The suggestion that it is the duty of a foreign territory to prevent its exports from being smuggled into another country is novel and illogical. Yet this appears to be the Chinese official attitude. Early in August of this year, China's Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs voiced "anxious concern" over the "increasingly extensive smuggling through Hong Kong and Macao" as—erroneously, I believe—that China had repeatedly sought to co-operation of the British Colony, but had not been favoured with a reply.

A week or so later Dr. Sun Fo, President of China's Legislative Yuan, at a reception by the Chinese community in Hong Kong, complained that smuggling from Hong Kong was seriously affecting the economic policy of the Chinese Government. On this occasion he was rebuked by one of his Chinese hosts, who declared that merchants in Hong Kong had nothing to do with smuggling, which was usually backed by influential elements in China (doubtless meaning the Chinese Army and Navy and local officials).

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That is the situation in China today. The Chinese Government has banned the import of numerous classes of so-called "luxury" goods, and imposed absolute prohibitive duties and exchange restrictions upon all other imports. Enormous profits, therefore, can be made by individuals or companies who can smuggle motor-cars, alcoholic beverages, drugs, cosmetics and piece-goods into China. As already stated no reliable estimate of the volume of smuggling into China can be formulated. But there is much evidence to indicate that bulk smuggling takes place chiefly through the larger ports, which are open to foreign trade—Canton, Amoy, Swatow, Foochow, Shanghai and Tientsin.

Connivance

That, of course, implies that the smuggling is done with official connivance. In the latter part of July the Chinese Customs were given a tip that there was a large volume of smuggled cargo concealed in the bunkers of the British steamer *Fathian*. Acting on this information the Customs officials searched the ship's bunkers on her arrival at Canton, and discovered smuggled cargo variously estimated at a value of one to two thousand million Chinese dollars (£5,000 to £10,000). While the contraband was being removed the vessel was invaded by a large gang of armed ruffians in plain clothes, who removed about half the seizure under the very eyes of the Customs. Obviously this smuggling was pre-arranged, and took place without the knowledge of the ship owners, who only received no freight, but were subjected to a fine of about Chinese \$5,000,000,000. The Hong Kong Imports and Exports Department employs some thirty per cent of its staff in searching outgoing vessels for unmanifested cargo. When discovered it is seized and the owners are brought into Court. There have been over 500 such cases before the Courts during the current year, and upwards of HK\$1½ million's worth of unmanifested cargo has been confiscated. Following a large seizure of this kind a few weeks ago, including several scores of bicycles, the local representative of the Chinese Government protested that the cargo seized should be regarded as "personal effects." In addition to these searches for unmanifested cargoes, the Hong Kong authorities permit the Chinese Customs officials to function at the railway terminus in Kowloon. And all seagoing vessels—steamers and junks—are required to secure clearance papers stating at what port or ports they propose to call, and any known or suspected smuggling would be visited with severe penalties when the vessel returned to Hong Kong.

Preventive Success

Foreign vessels are restricted to a small number of former Treaty Ports, and certainly do not put in to any others. With junks, of course, it is different. They too are subject to search for unmanifested cargo, to the obligation to secure clearance papers, and, in addition, to a Chinese Customs regulation requiring them to report at the nearest Customs Station when leaving or approaching Hong Kong. It would require a much larger Preventive Service than Hong Kong can afford, and the efficient co-operation of Chinese Preventive Cruisers, to frustrate smuggling by seagoing junks, of which there were no fewer than 35,000 clearances from the Colony in 1946. The Hong Kong Government's main interest lies in seeing that commodities of which the export is prohibited do not leave the Colony, and verily affected Hong Kong's reputation for the few dutiable or prohibited

commodities are not smuggled in. Moreover, it is a mistake to assume that most of the smuggling into China originates from Hong Kong. Large quantities of smuggled goods enter from the Philippines, Formosa, and even territories much further afield. A smuggling ring recently discovered in Tientsin appears to have brought in most of its contraband on American Service planes.

Laxity

The extent of smuggling over the land frontier between the Hong Kong Leased Territories and China, is probably exaggerated, though here again the responsibility rests with the Chinese Preventive Service. The Chinese are alive to any laxity in the detection or control of imports. Not long ago, an order from Nanking arrangements were made under which Chinese farmers, bringing farm produce live or otherwise, over the British border could obtain certificates of value from the Chinese Customs authorities entitling them to bring back commodities such as kerosene, cloth, etc. of equivalent value on the return trip. This led to the incident of the "cheating pigs." A lorry load of live pigs would stop some distance from the frontier, and secure a certificate for, say HK\$1,500. The vehicle would then make a detour either on the Chinese side of the frontier, or just over the British border. In the former case the lorry would reappear at the Customs with some load of pigs, a few hours later. In the latter case the pigs would be off-loaded in some remote, unpatrolled spot and driven across the Chinese frontier during the night, to be re-loaded on to lorries the next day. This abuse of a Customs concession led to a marked increase in the sales of kerosene in the Leased Territories, and when they again fell off, a Chinese dealer informed local Oil Company that the pigs had been so overworked that many of them had died of starvation! In due course the trick was discovered by the Customs officials, but when they proposed to cut off the pigs' tails there was nearly a riot. Any self-respecting pig entering British territory without its tail, the owners explained, would suffer a serious loss of face! And the fraud was only stopped when the issue of certificates of value was cancelled.

Two-Way Process

Smuggling is a two-way process in China. Not only are imports of a number of articles prohibited; the Chinese Government, through various official agencies, attempts to corner a number of native commodities; demand, extortionate prices, and, of course, monopolize all exchange derived from export. It cannot seriously expect Hong Kong, or the Philippines or any other foreign territory to prevent the movement of export cargoes which are smuggled into the country in defiance of these trading monopolies. Both as regards imports into and exports out of China, the Hong Kong Government has gone far beyond the ordinary routine in extending co-operation to China. Seizures of unmanifested cargoes, strict enforcement of clearance regulations, and facilities offered to the Chinese Customs at the railway terminus, and on the border are evidences of Hong Kong's goodwill. The Colony's Government not long ago, when China complained that there was a serious leakage of textiles and cotton yarn which were badly needed within the country, banned their import into Hong Kong without Chinese export licences, although admittedly do not leave the Colony, and verily affected Hong Kong's reputation for the few dutiable or prohibited

No Increase In Rice Ration

London, Nov. 25.
Regret that it was not yet possible to raise the rice ration in Malaya from its present level was expressed by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, in a Parliamentary reply today.

The supply position, he said, had deteriorated considerably during the past few weeks for a variety of reasons, but principally because the exportable surplus of the main rice-growing countries in South-East Asia had not improved.

He was answering a question by Mr. Walter Fletcher, Conservative, whether it was yet possible to raise the Malayan rice ration from 4-1/2 ounces a day, to which it was lowered last May, and bring it more in line with the ration in India and Japan.

Mr. Creech Jones added that comparison with India, and Japan was difficult owing to the many differences in administration.

Asked by Mr. Fletcher to re-examine the question and see that this "disproportionate" disposition of rice to Japan was brought more into line with Malaya, the Colonial Secretary declared: "I think the Japanese rice ration has an ingredient in it, but I am terribly concerned about the position in Malaya, and I am doing all I can to get supplies there."

Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative, does he mean that

the position has so deteriorated that he has not been able to keep the rice ration at 4-1/2 ounces?

Mr. Creech Jones: Not exactly, but we had expectations which, at the moment, are not being realised. We are turning in all possible directions to get supplies.—Reuter.

Nicer This Way

Land's End, Cornwall, Nov. 26.
A message of congratulation from the radio operator of the Greek merchant ship, *Aristidis*, to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, formerly Prince Philip of Greece, was found in a sealed bottle washed up on the coast here today.

The message read: "Although there are three modern wireless transmitters in my possession, I just thought it would be nice and more interesting to use this strange way to send you my heartfelt wishes for a long and very happy life both. God bless you two. Radio officer of Greek Merchant Navy J. B. Papageorgio."

The *Aristidis* is believed to have been about 60 miles west of Land's End when the bottle was dropped overboard.—Reuter.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

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Successful defence against many contracts depends upon both partners being on their toes. One of them may make an early play which develops the side's only possibility to beat the enemy. But if his partner then fails to do his part, the effort is wasted. Co-operative play of that type involves the need of each partner analyzing the motive of the other's particular manoeuvre. That can furnish the key to what his holding is and therefore act as a guide to what his associate must do.

S J 6 3
H 7 4
D K Q 10 5
C A 10 6 1

S None
H Q J 10 3 2
D A 8 6 2
C J 9 1 4

N 6 3 7 5 2
W E 9 4 3
S C Q 7 2

S A Q 10 9 8 4
H 7 4
D K 10 5
C K 5

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)
North East South West
Pass Pass 18 Pass
2D Pass 2S Pass
4S

Two tables of a pair duplicate tournament furnished that identical bidding, and exactly the same early play. At each West led the heart Q. East overtook with the K, scoring the A and then returning the 8 to force a ruff in the dummy. The purpose of making the dummy ruff was, of course, to keep declarer from leading through the guarded K three times. Following that trick, each de-

clarer finessed the spade J and Q, then led the diamond J. There is where the difference came. One West took the diamond J with his A and returned his heart J, compelling South to ruff. That declarer then went to dummy with the diamond Q to shorten his own trumps to the same length as East's, two, with the A-10 sliding over the K-7. Next he scored the club K and A and led a third club from dummy. East had to play from his two trumps before South, so his K was shut out by the grand coup. At the other table, West let the diamond J win the sixth trick and took the 7 with his A. That made it impossible for South to reach dummy, ruff a diamond, then go to dummy again to lead through East. So he wound up with three trumps in his own hand and had to lead to East, whose spade K consequently scored the ending trick.

Tomorrow's Problem

S J 7 5 3
H 7 4
D K Q J 9 8
C Q 2

S 10 9
H 10 9 8 5
D 7 5
C K J 10 7 6

S A K 8 4 2
H J 6 2
D A 4
C 5 4 3

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)
After South bids 1-Spade, North 3-Spades and South 4-Spades, why is a diamond the worst possible lead for West?

Royal Couple Go To Scotland

London, Nov. 26.
Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh left London tonight for the second part of their honeymoon at Birkhall, on the King's Scottish estates.

Only a handful of onlookers were there to wave off the Royal couple as they left King's Cross station in a special coach on the night train for Scotland.

Third class passengers travelling in the train leaned out to say Good Luck as the Princess and her husband passed along the platform. The Princess wore a blue hat and long sleeved coat, which was one of her wedding presents. The Duke, bareheaded, was in a light blue lounge suit. With them travelled Susan, the Princess's pet dog.

Earlier today, they left Romey, the Mountbatten estate in Hampshire, where they spent the first six days of their honeymoon and lunched at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess and her husband will leave the train at Aberdeen tomorrow morning and motor to Birkhall, and emphasized that both wished complete privacy for the remainder of the honeymoon.

Couple's Message

Before they left London, Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh sent out a message of thanks to well-wishers all over the world.

"Before we leave for Scotland tonight we want to say that the reception given us on our wedding day and the loving interest shown by our fellow-countrymen and well-wishers in all parts of the world, have left impressions which will never grow faint," they said.

"We can find no words to express what we feel, but we can at least offer our grateful thanks to the millions who have given us this unforgettable send-off in our married life."

The message was signed "Elizabeth and Philip"—Reuter.

Either One Or The Other?

Montreal, Nov. 26.

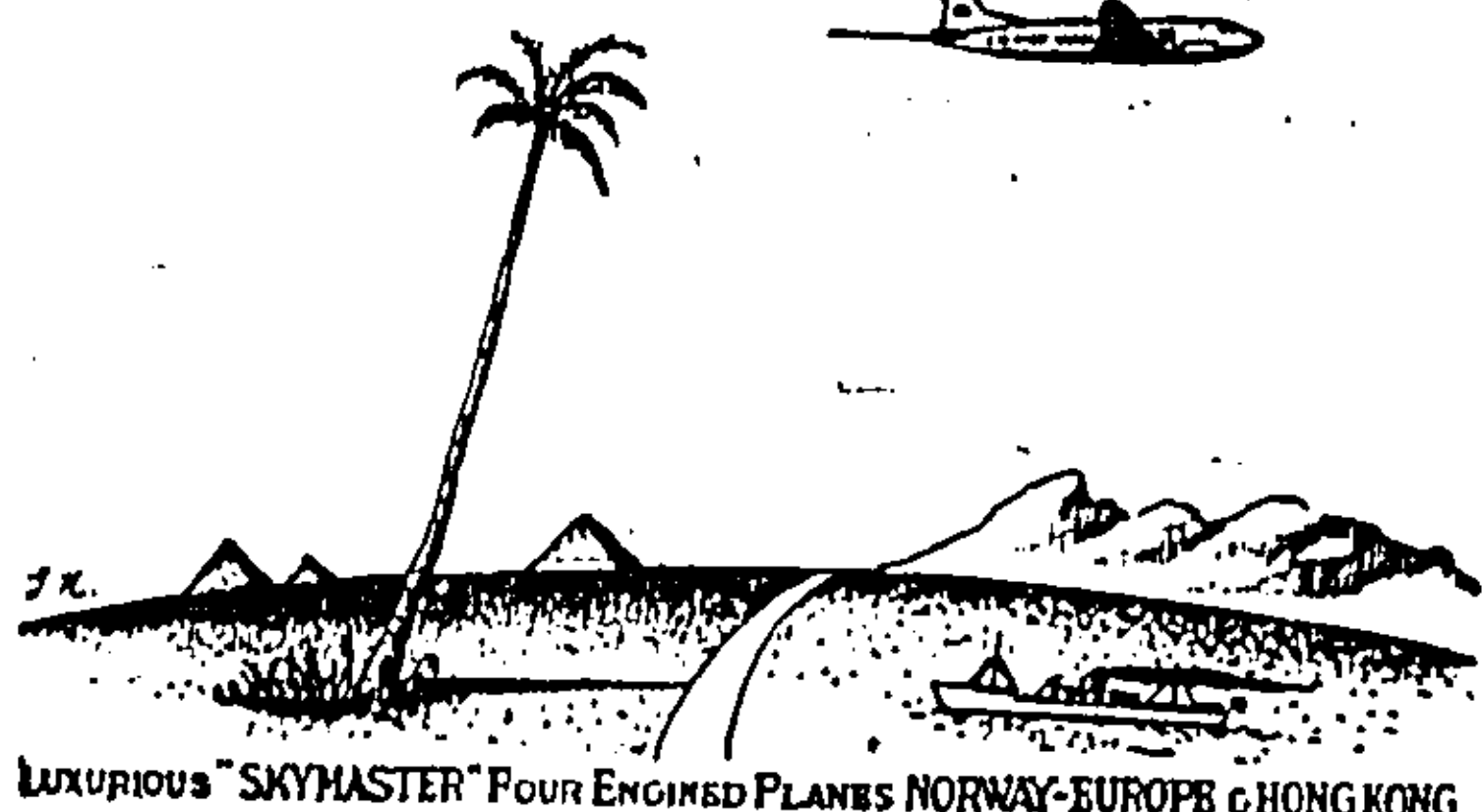
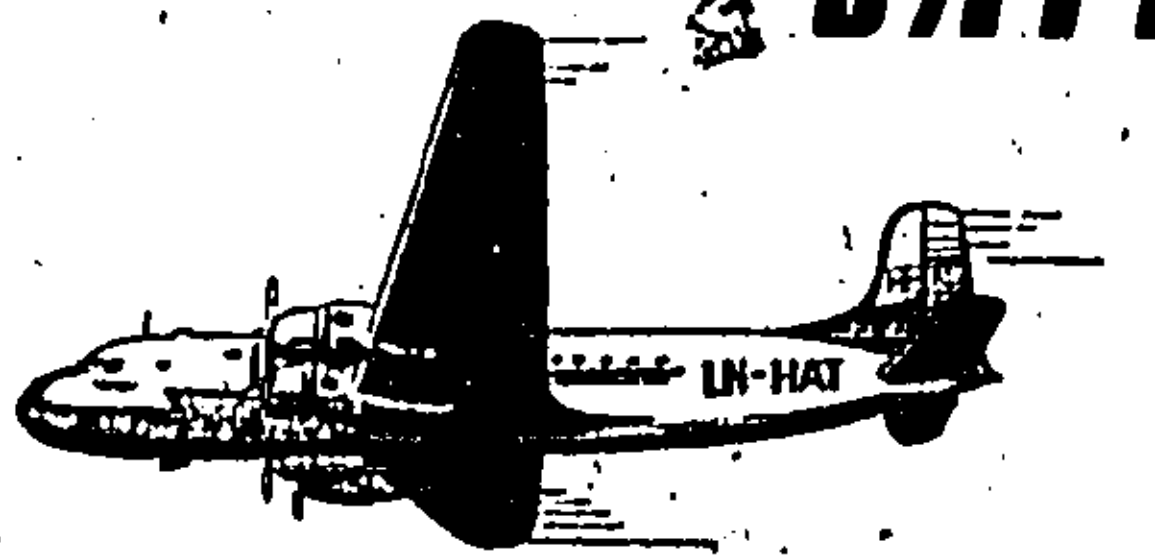
General H. Crerar, who recently returned from a mission to Asia, told the Canadian Club here today that from the North American point of view, the strategic importance of the Japanese islands to the Pacific was comparative to that held by the British in respect to the Atlantic.

Gen. Crerar expressed the opinion that Democracy and Communism were incompatible and that, within a few years, perhaps sooner, either the "democratic" system of our choice or the oligarchic regime of Russia will gain definite domination.—United Press.

STRIKE PLANS?

Rome, Nov. 27.
The Italian Rightist and Independent press reported from "trustworthy sources" that nation-wide strikes were being planned in Italy and France for Dec. 1. The Communist Party ridiculed the reports.—Associated Press.

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FRENCH WAGE INCREASE Schuman Gives Concessions To Workers Appeal To The Nation

Paris, Nov. 26. The Prime Minister, M. Robert Schuman, in a radio address to the French people tonight, announced a wage increase of 1,500 francs per month for workers in Paris, and an increase of 1,150 francs for clerical workers.

He said that the Government had prepared two bills to be presented to the Chamber in the next few days; one providing for an increase in family allowances as from Dec. 1, and the second for a revision of war pensions.

Urging that work should be resumed immediately, he added: "A continuation of the strike would be a catastrophe for the country."

All too often, the present misery of France was exploited by certain people, trying to make political capital out of it, he said. The Government, he said, will revise the export programme to bar the road to inflation.

"The Government over which I preside is making its start at a painful moment of national existence. Labour conflicts are spreading. The chief branches of national economy are stricken. Supplies to large towns are threatened."

"The Government does not, in any way, under-estimate the difficulties under which the workers of this country are labouring."

Fate Of France

The Premier said that no increase in wages would have any practical effect unless work was resumed. Each day of the coal strike cost the nation an equivalent of five days' fuel for each French household.

He made no threats with regard to the strikers but said that the Government would take all measures to ensure freedom to work. The Government would bar the road to inflation and prevent further rises in prices.

"When the time comes to go to work tomorrow morning, you will have the fate of France in your hands," M. Schuman added.

M. Schuman said: "These preliminary measures would amount to nothing if the economic, financial and social pro-

Paris, Nov. 26.

"No increase of wages would be sufficient. No one could be supported by the country's economy unless it improved readily and lastingly its purchasing power and, therefore, the standard of living of the working class."

The right to strike is laid down in the constitution. But nothing could excuse the abuse of this formidable right, endangering the authority of the State and even the existence of the regime."

He appealed to all workers and, especially, to miners, railway workers, metal workers and public utility workers. "Let them all question their conscience as to whether they can take upon themselves the responsibility of a continuation of the strike, in the eyes of themselves,

their families, their comrades, and of the whole country," he said.

Good Will

"The Government would fail in its very task if it did not put into operation everything to ensure the freedom of work and to check the political agitation which is deeply injuring the true interests of the working class and of the entire nation," he asserted.

I should like confidence to be restored in the hearths of France from tonight. We shall not solve all the problems in one day. We have no claims other than to be a solid team of men of good will."

"In order to succeed we require the support of all men of good will."—Reuter.

Harriman's Request

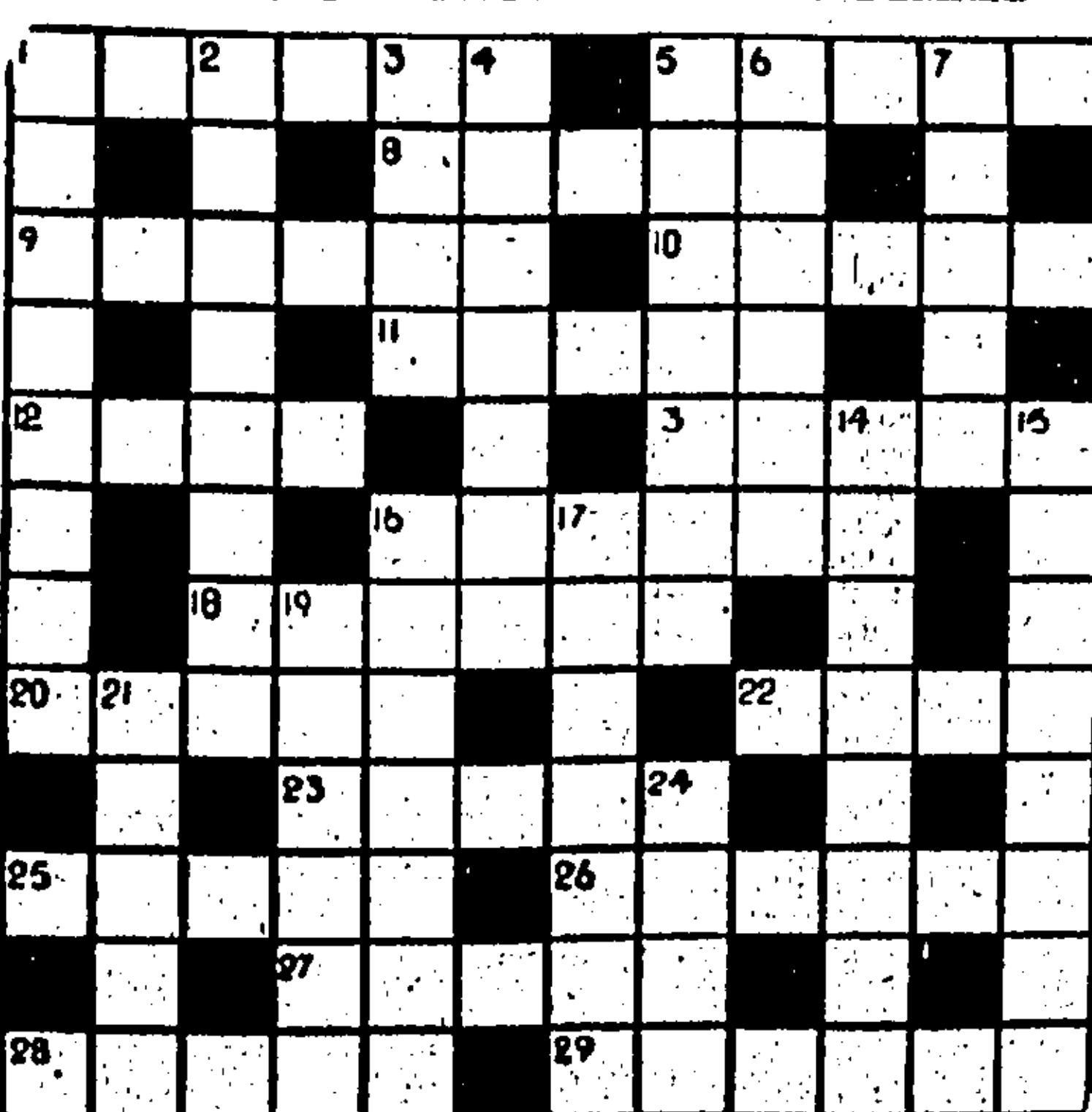
Washington, Nov. 26. The Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Averell Harriman, today asked Congress for limited priority and allocation power to direct steel to the "most essential programmes."

Mr. Harriman also urged the granting of authority to control prices of export goods as a means of fighting inflation at home and helping the United States foreign aid programme.

Mr. Harriman was appearing before the Senate and House of Representatives Economic Committee to supply details on President Truman's request for such powers.

President Truman had asked for authority to control the allocations and inventories of basic commodities affecting prices and industrial programmes, but Mr. Harriman was the first leader of the administration to say that steel controls were needed.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1. Filament.
5. Scud.
8. Granted.
9. Material.
10. Subject to ebb and flow.
11. Finger.
12. Come late view.
13. Cattle round-up.
16. Venerate.
18. Views.
20. Precipitous.
22. Couple.
23. Bird.
25. Special aptitude.
26. Kind of ring.
27. Low seat.
28. Fetters.
29. Required.

Clues Down

1. Acrobats.
2. Answer.
3. Blither.
4. Inhabitant.
5. Withdraws.
6. Press chief.
7. Foolish.
14. Kept back.
15. Caused to.
16. function.
17. Deer flesh.
18. Cherry-coloured.
21. Correspond.
24. River of Egypt.
30. Orny.
31. Halo.
32. Revue.
33. Lie.
34. Down—1 Baron.
35. Desires.
36. Crime.
37. Belt (Pina).
38. Bust.
39. Capricious.
40. Omit.
41. Best.
42. Dream.
43. Dour.
44. Keen.
45. Allowed.
46. Prey.
47. Urgent.
48. Rebus.
49. Blast.
50. Fool.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1 Scab, 2 Waver, 3 Exit, 4 Bill, 5 Modicum, 6 Tomb, 7 Rased, 8 Kept, 9 Rake, 10 Obese, 11 Pelt, 12 Rural, 13 Reat, 14 Remov.

CRIPPS TO VISIT U.S.?

Washington, Nov. 26.

Mr. John Snyder, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, denied today all knowledge of the report that Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, planned to visit the United States shortly to discuss with him the question of unfreezing \$400,000,000 of the American loan to Britain and other economic matters.

Mr. Snyder declined to comment on when the unfreezing of the loan might be expected.—Reuter.

their families, their comrades, and of the whole country," he said.

Good Will

"The Government would fail in its very task if it did not put into operation everything to ensure the freedom of work and to check the political agitation which is deeply injuring the true interests of the working class and of the entire nation," he asserted.

I should like confidence to be restored in the hearths of France from tonight. We shall not solve all the problems in one day. We have no claims other than to be a solid team of men of good will."

"In order to succeed we require the support of all men of good will."—Reuter.

VIOLENCE BREAKS OUT IN FRENCH CITIES

Paris, Nov. 27.

Violence broke out at scattered points in strike-paralysed France, as nearly 2,000,000 workers remained idle.

Police used tear gas to disperse a crowd of 20,000 who marched with Communist banners on the prefecture in Lyons.

Eugene Thomas, Secretary of States for Communications, charged that "Communist elements" had launched a "violent offensive against postal employees who refused to strike and a number of postmen were reported beaten up in Paris."

Fights between strikers and non-strikers were reported in northern Lille, centre of the coal strike, and a number of localities in eastern France as a general strike of railwaymen got under way.

Workers in some railroad centres refused to answer the strike call of the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labour.

Service at most places was reported at a standstill. Fifty strikers at Choleville-Rol, a Paris suburb, seized a railway signal tower, forced commuters to abandon a train, attacked the engineer and ran the train into the car barn. Three were arrested.

The first sign of a general strike of all unions came from the Alpine town of Annecy where the departmental headquarters of the GCL called out all its followers in the region.—Associated Press.

Price Control Advocate

WASHINGTON, NOV. 26.

MR. CLINTON ANDERSON, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, SAID TODAY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO CONTROL PRICES AND FULL WAR-TIME POWER TO ALLOCATE AND RATION SCARCE SUPPLIES.

Mr. Anderson, who was supporting President Truman's economic programme, also proposed that the Government's authority to control exports, expiring on Feb. 20, should be extended for another two years.

He said that in view of the proposed foreign aid plans, the Government should have power to say what use is made of America's grain crops.

"In order that we may be prepared for any serious emergency that might arise, such as failure of grain crops, it would be necessary to have authority not only for controlling exports, but also for directing the use of grain domestically through the most essential channels."—Reuter.

M.P. At Bow Street

London, Nov. 26.

Mr. Arthur William John Lewis, 30-year-old Labour MP for Upton and an official of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, his brother James Andrew Lewis, 37-year-old, a Trade Union official, and 23 other men and five women were again remanded on bail at Bow Street on charges connected with strike picketing at the Savoy Hotel.

All were charged with obstructing the highway and the police except James Lewis who was accused only of obstructing the police.

They pleaded not guilty.—Reuter.

Husbands' Campaign

London, Nov. 26.

British husbands whose Russian wives are detained in the Soviet Union today started a campaign to demand the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, with leaflets demanding the release of their wives.

The leaflets were distributed and recipients urged to sign them and mail them to M. Molotov at the Soviet Embassy.

The first batch reached the Embassy this morning but a secretary took charge of them and they did not reach M. Molotov.—United Press.

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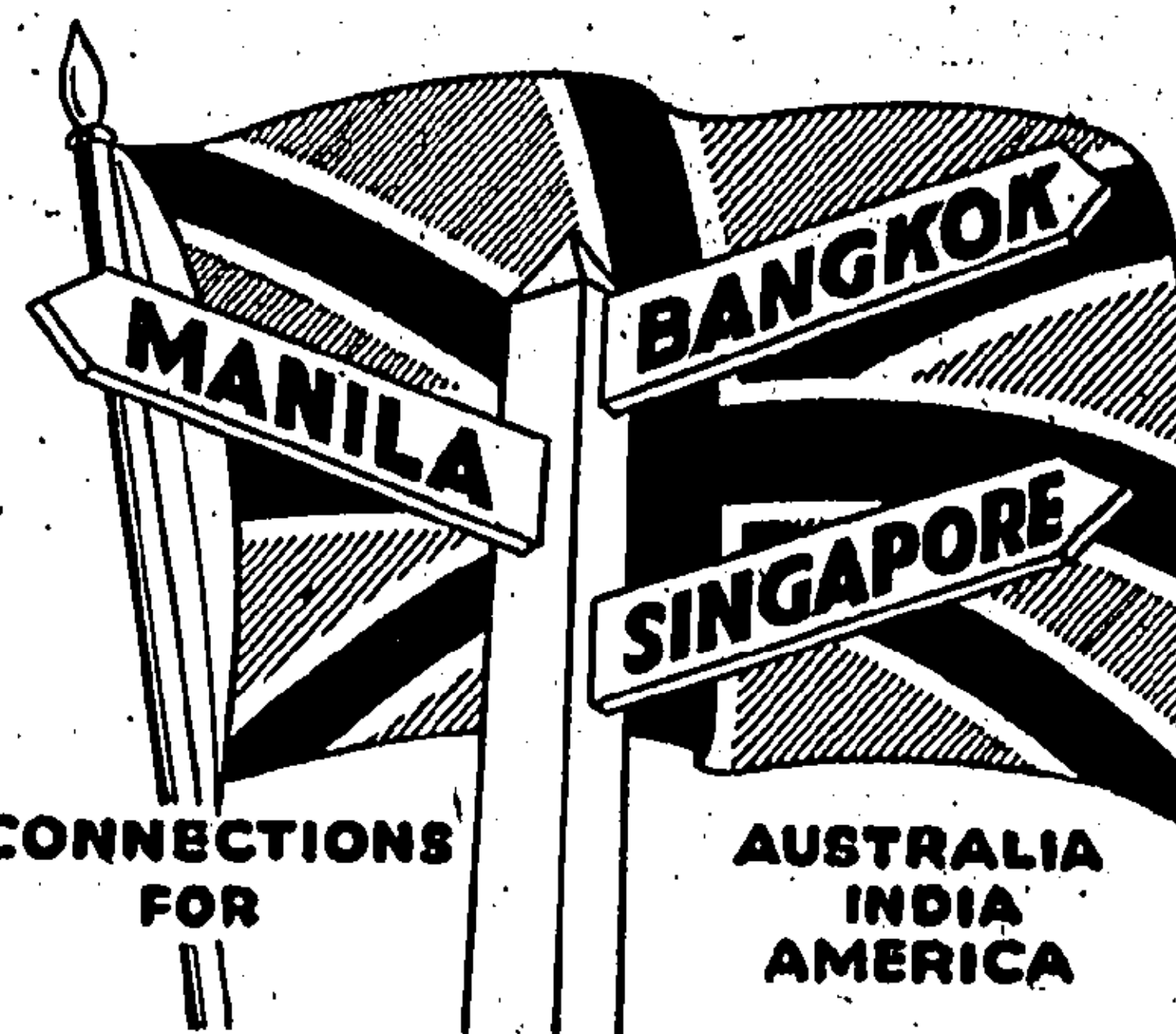
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